



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, March 20, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-1505)

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Present: Eleanor R. Montaño, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D.,
Commissioner Anne S. Hill, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews
and Commissioner Susan Burton

Call to Order. (13-1379)

Chairperson Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Chairperson Montaño led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a
moment of silence.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the March 13, 2013 Minutes. (13-1380)

**On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by
Commissioner Burton and unanimously carried, the minutes of March 20,
2013 were approved with the following revision:**

**Page 3, 2nd bullet, should read "... and quite a few foster children
transitioned ..."**

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II. REPORTS

2. Department Representatives Report's for March 20, 2013.

- Department of Auditor-Controller
 - Monthly Report
- Department of Children and Family Services
 - Monthly Report
- Internal Services Department
 - Monthly Report
- Department of Mental Health
 - Monthly Report
- Probation Department
 - Monthly Report
- Sheriff's Department
 - Monthly Report
 - Century Regional Detention Center (13-1381)

Department of Auditor-Controller (AC)

Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report during the month of February 2013 as follows:

- **February 2013:**
 - **7 Total phone calls:**
 - **Collaboration Contacts/Referrals/Information**
 - ❖ **Probation Referral** 1
 - ❖ **DCFS San Bernardino County** 1
 - ❖ **DCFS Ombudsman Referral** 1
 - ❖ **Contact** 1
 - ❖ **Respect** 2
 - ❖ **Living Condition and Respect** 1
- **Visits and Outreach**
 - **David and Margaret**
 - **O'Connor & Atkins**
 - **Penny Lane**

Probation Department (PD)

Ms. Lisa Campbell-Motten, Director of Placement Permanency & Quality Assurance (PD), reported on the status of Absent Without Leave incidents (AWOL) for the month of January 2013 as follows:

- 127 AWOLS
 - 109 Youth Involved
 - 42 Remain AWOL
 - 34 Returned to Group Home
 - 24 Juvenile Hall
 - 5 Camp
 - 1 Termed Out
 - 1 Home on Probation

Ms. Campbell-Motten also provided the Commission with a detailed report of the status on group home monitoring and investigations. For the AWOLs, the program analyst is compiling data to identify the habitual runaways and what group homes have the highest percentage of runaways. The highest percentage of runaways are Hispanic males.

She also invited the Commissioners to the Annual Stakeholders Meeting scheduled for June 26, 2013.

"Do not use" has been placed on all Ettie Lee Homes. Leroy Haynes Center and the Phoenix House have been issued corrective action plans. Ms. Campbell-Motton extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend the observance of two potential impending adoptions.

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Patricia Balonos-Gonzalez, Children Services Administrator, Out of Home Care Management Division, DCFS, reported that during the period of February 20 to March 19, 2013 the child abuse hotline received a total of 12 referrals in the following categories:

- 3 Emotional Abuse
- 5 General Neglect
- 2 Physical Abuse
- 2 Sexual Abuse

During the same reporting period there were a total of 6 closed referrals in the following categories:

- 1 Emotional Abuse
- 5 General Neglect

Additionally, Ms. Balonos-Gonzalez advised the Commission that all Rosemary's Children's Services facilities have been put on hold again. They are in the process of retraining their employees and the Mental Health Department will be hired to administer medication. A recommendation for a fiscal audit has been issued to Penny Lane for charging for items placed in gift baskets for its occupants.

Internal Services Department (ISD)

Brian Lear, Building Crafts Superintendent, (ISD), informed the Commissioners that he had nothing to report.

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

Kathryn Stroup, LCSW, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor, Residential/TBS Program Administration, informed the Commissioners that she had nothing to report.

Sheriff's Department

Commander Gerald Cooper, Sheriff, announced that he will be working for recently appointed Assistant Sheriff Terri McDonald and that Ted Sexton was appointed as the Chief of Homeland Security. Commander Cooper distributed handouts which summarized demographics of the jail population and also for the Commissioner's review he provided a copy of the Inmate Services Bureau Business Reports and the Inmate Welfare Commission meeting notice for March 22, 2013. He further reported that he will look into the collect call fees charged to inmates' families to possibly reduce fees charged or provide assistance to low income families. Finally, he stated that an Inmate Mentoring Programs where inmates are the mentors is being developed.

Commissioner Grills requested that Commander Cooper include the maximum capacity and the existing capacity of each jail on the monthly handouts summarizing demographics of the jail population.

Commander Warren Asmus, Sheriff, restated the closures of 10 Superior Courthouses by July 2013, however a few of the courts' lock-ups will remain open. The closing of Kenyon Detention Center will have a huge impact on nearby courthouses. Commander Asmus announced that the new Long Beach Courthouse is scheduled to open on September 8, 2013 and that he will arrange a tour of the facility for the Commissioners. Also, there are two new courthouse construction projects underway.

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- 3.** Chairperson's Report on various items for March 20, 2013. (13-1382)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles with the Commissioners:

Daily Breeze:

- **Sheriff patrols may be restored (March 17, 2013)**

Los Angeles Times:

- **Targeting health needs (March 17, 2013)**
- **Baca Names New Jails Chief (March 20, 2013)**
- **Finally, a jail plan (March 20, 2013)**

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- 4.** Treasurer's Report for March 20, 2013. (13-1383)

Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$795.96.

- 5.** Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for March 20, 2013. (13-1384)

There was no staff report given.

- 6.** Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on March 20, 2013. (13-1385)

In Compliance:

- **Commissioner Grills visited New Concepts, Page 28, #3, on March 19, 2013.**

7. Commissioners Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from March 14, 2013 to March 19, 2013. (13-1386)

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- **Commissioner Bigby visited San Gabriel Children Center, Page 36, #3, on March 14, 2013.**
 - Bathroom #1 need dresser drawer fixed and bathroom #3 needs new blinds.
- **Commissioner Bigby visited Penny Lane (Satellite #8), Page 32, #4, on March 15, 2013.**
- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews Counseling & Research Associate/Ralston House, Page 9, #1, on March 19, 2013.**

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes were visited, but not inspected:

- **Commissioner Burton visited Fred Jefferson Memorial Home, Page 45, #1, on March 5 and 13, 2013, but no one was at home.**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited the Heritage Group Home, Page 21, #1, on March 20, 2013, but no one was at home.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-1387)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-1388)

Members of the public were offered an opportunity to speak following the Roundtable Business Meeting. Diana Zuniga, California United for a Responsible Budget (CURB), commented on the following: outdated studies and jail proposal, realigned women with their families, alternatives to incarceration programs for women violence and misconduct towards inmates. Following comments, Commander Cooper offered to arrange a

meeting with Ms. Zuniga regarding CURB's concerns. Along with other materials, Ms. Zuniga distributed a Save-the-Date flyer inviting Commissioners to Envisioning a Healthy FREE L.A. Community Solutions Not Jail Expansion workshop on March 30, 2013.

Joseph Maizlish also spoke in support of women's needs and non-incarceration programs for women.

Chairperson Montaña thanked them for their public comments.

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Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of March 20, 2013. (13-1389)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of March 20, 2013 at 12:10 p.m.